

REMARKS

Applicants amend claims 3, 48, 62 to change “decode” to “decodes” to correct a grammatical error.

Applicants amend claim 10 to remove an extraneous phrase “is provided” because the limitation previously recites “providing”.

Applicants amend claim 50 to remove an extraneous instance of “encrypt” because the limitation previously recites “encrypting”

Applicants amend claim 50 to change “use” to “uses” to correct a grammatical error.

Applicants amend claim 61 to change “host device” to “I/O manager” because, in the previous limitation, the “I/O manager” is the element that transmits the re-encrypted coding key received by the controller, and the “host device” element is not otherwise recited in claim 61.

Applicants amend claim 61 to remove an “extraneous instance of the “coding key”, because it is the “re-encrypted coding key” that is decrypted in the decrypting limitation to provide the “decrypted re-encrypted coding key” for use in the last limitation of “performing a read or write operation”.

Applicants amend claim 68 to move the term “decrypted” after the “and re-encrypting the” to recite “re-encrypting the decrypted coding key”.

Applicants amend the claims to correct minor errors, including grammatical errors, and to clarify the claim language. Applicants request the Examiner to enter these amendments as they do not alter the scope of the claims.

In the statement of reasons for allowance the Examiner provided various reasons for allowance. Applicants will not specifically address or respond herein to the issues/points raised by the Examiner in the Examiner's provided remarks. However, this should not necessarily be viewed as constituting acquiescence by Applicants as to the correctness of some or all of the Examiner's provided remarks.

Moreover, Applicants note that the claims are directed to various combinations of features. It is respectfully submitted that the patentability of each of the allowed and allowable claims resides in every feature of the recited combination of features of the claims in addition to the features noted by the Examiner.

Applicants submit that no new claims or new matter has been added to the application. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0449.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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